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EA FOR AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: STRANDING OF AUSTRALIAN PARTY IN SAM NEUA (U)

1. (C) ON 13 JUNE, BRITISH ASSISTANT MILITARY ATTACHE CONTACTED U.S. AIR ATTACHE TO INFORM HIM THAT AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR AND PARTY WERE STRANDED IN SAM NEUA DUE TO MECHANICAL PROBLEMS WITH RUSSIAN AN-2, WHICH HAD FLOWN PARTY THERE FROM VIENTIANE. BRITISH ATTACHE HAD BEEN ASKED BY AUSTRALIANS TO ASSIST, BUT WAS SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT SINCE BRITISH AIRCRAFT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MAKE TWO TRIPS AND REFUEL SEVERAL TIMES AT LUANG PRABANG. POSSIBILITY OF USING U.S. U-21 FOR PICKUP WAS DISCUSSED AND BRITISH ATTACHE SUBSEQUENTLY SUGGESTED THIS TO AUSTRALIANS. I INFORMED AIRA THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER MAKING PICKUP PROVIDED TWO CONDITIONS WERE MET: FIRST, PL WOULD HAVE TO MAKE REQUEST AND SECOND, A PL OFFICER WOULD HAVE TO ACCOMPANY THE U-21. AIRA SO INFORMED AUSTRALIANS WHO THEN APPROACHED PL WITH PROPOSAL. AIRA WAS INFORMED BY AUSTRALIANS YESTERDAY THAT PL HAD POLITELY DECLINED THE OFFER.

2. (C) AUSTRALIAN PARTY IS PRESENTLY STILL STRANDED AT SAM NEUA. WHILE WE WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST, I CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT WE
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DO NOT GIVE PL THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE OVER-EAGER

TO GAIN ENTREE TO SAM NEUA. ULTIMATELY, AUSTRALIANS
WILL PROBABLY BE RESCUED BY THE BRITISH WHO ARE MAKING NO MOVE
IN THEIR SMALL AIRCRAFT, WHICH IS POORLY EQUIPPED FOR INSTRUMENT
FLYING, UNTIL THE WEATHER CLEARS.

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